व्यापार समझौतें का उल्लघंन

2045. **चौधरी हर मोहन सिंह यादव** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों को गत तीन वर्षो के दौरान भारत की सरकारी तथा निजी क्षेत्र की कंपनियों के विरूद्व व्यापार समझौतें का उल्लंघन किए जाने के संबंध में शिकायतें मिली हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Problems of Rice Exporters

2046. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Tribune, dated 31st De cember, 1998, captioned 'Problems of rice exporters";

(b) if so, what are the details of the difficulties experienced by rice exporters; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) yes, Sir. The news-item mainly refers to the difficulties faced by exporters in regard to shipments to rice by rail and road to Bangladesh.

(c) Ministry of Railways has issued instructions to prioritise export traffic as under:—

(i) Higher Priority (Green Channel priority) when indents for wagons are supported by certified copy of a Letter *6t* Credit.

(ii) Normal Priority "B" for other cases.

This is likely to ameliorate the problems faced by exporters.

Export of Meat

2047. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heads of cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats which are slaughtered every year for export pur poses;

(b) what is the foreign exchange earned by these meat exports;

(c) whether it is a fact that export quality meat has to come from good healthy animals;

(d) whether this will not- deplete the cattle wealth of India;

(e) whether it is a fact that slaughterhouse machinery is imported duty free; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that these export units pay no Excise duties, no Sales Tax, and no Income Tax?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The details of animals slaughtered every year for export purpose are not maintained.

(b) The foreign exchange earned through export of meat during the last

three years is as under:

Year	Export (Rs. crores)
1995-96	615.50
1996-97	694.51
1997-98*	792.90

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta)
*Provisional.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) No, Sir. According to the livestock census of 1987 and 1992, the livestock population has actually increased from 445.28 million in 1987 to 470.14 million in 1992, thereby registering an annual growth rate of 1.1%.

(c) According to the current EXIM Policy, export oriented units, units in